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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

25 August 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Frank C. Carlucci
Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Reconnaissance Systems Review ☐

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REFERENCE: Your Memorandum, dated 13 August 1982,
Same Subject



1. There is no doubt that the interrelated reconnaissance investment choices we face for the FY 1984 budget require additional review and a coordinated decision process. Unfortunately the studies cited in reference are not sufficiently complete to permit sound decisions. We also feel that the arrangement of a Defense Resources Board Subcommittee, a Senior Review Group and a working group with special task forces may be too cumbersome to meet the need for sound and timely decisions. ☐

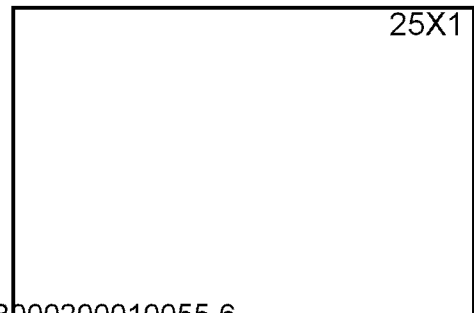
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2. Before proceeding it might be helpful if we discuss alternative ways to weigh the merits of the various proposals. Bill Casey will be back in town today and I suggest that we get together with you to discuss this. Our mutual interest will be served best if we agree in advance on review procedures to consider the peacetime, crises and wartime intelligence requirements which can satisfy defense needs, yet at the same time are fashioned in a way to permit the DCI to execute his responsibilities to the President. In the meantime, I request that the decision to form the various review and working groups and task forces be held in abeyance.

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